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Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding Communication dated December 12, 2003, in the above-identified application, having a ONE (1) month period for response which expires January 12, 2004. Applicants respectfully request the following amendment be entered and the claims considered in light thereof.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.